

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
AND DESIGNATIONS**

**MAP 3**

- TRAILS**
- - - Hike
  - ×-× Horse
  - ⊙- Bike
  - Multiple Use trail

- ROADS**
- ==== 2 - Lane Paved
  - ===== 2 - Lane Gravel
  - ===== Less than 2 -Lane Gravel or Dirt
  - + -+ Railroad

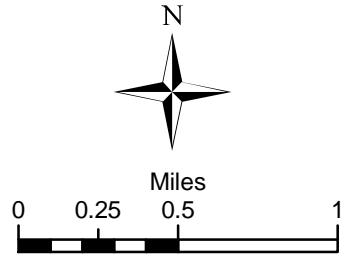
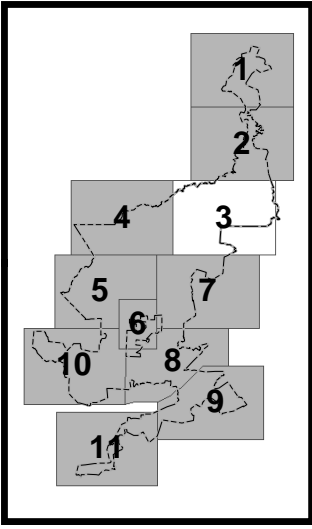
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**DEVELOPMENT ZONES**

- First Order
- Second Order
- + Access
- Existing Development Zone
- Proposed Development Zone

**ALTERNATIVES**

A B



## TEXT TO ACCOMPANY MAP 3

### DEVELOPMENT SITES

#### **Bear Creek Horse Camp (Map 3, Site 1)**

*Description:* Existing designated site provides developed campground for equestrians and trail access. Access by Lee Hollow Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated uses; site review; minor expansion of campground. (Second Order)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

#### **Bear Creek Trailhead (Map 3, Site 2)**

*Description:* Existing designated site provides foot trail access to Bear Creek Overlook. Access by Bear Creek Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

#### **Burke Cabin (Map 3, Site 3)**

*Description:* Existing, non-historic remote cabin built as a hunting cabin and now used informally by many. Use is having resource impacts and cannot be controlled due to location. Access by Big Island Loop.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Study cabin to determine if it is a necessary and appropriate component of the recreational experience at the National Area. If not, remove and reclaim.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

#### **Ledbetter Trailhead (Map 3, Site 4)**

*Description:* Existing designated site provides access to trails. Access by Bald Knob-Hill Cemetery Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue existing use; site review; improve site. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

#### **Slavens Branch Trailhead (Map 3, Site 5)**

*Description:* Existing designated site provides trail access. Access by Little Bill Slavens Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site review; formalize parking and trailhead. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

**Split Bow Arch Trailhead (Map 3, Site 6)**

*Description:* Existing designated site provides parking for overlook trail. Access by Bear Creek Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use; coordinate with any changes to Bear Creek Road. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

**ROADS AND TRAILS**

**Bald Knob—Hill Cemetery Trail (aka Ledbetter Road; Old Bear Creek Crossing Road) (Map 3, Trails 1, 26)**

*Description:* Designated gravel road suitable for use by 2 wheel drive vehicles to access the Ledbetter trailhead and for access to cemeteries and for hunting. A portion is also used as part of a foot trail, the Kentucky Trail.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Redesignate as multiple use trail; allow horses from National Forest using Sheltowee Trace to access proposed Long Trail North horse trail. (The Long Trail North horse trail would later be renamed a segment of the Sheltowee Trace.)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* Trail 1: MU; Trail 26: F-4

**Bear Creek Gauging Station Trail  
(Map 3, Trails 2, 5)**

*Description:* Designated graveled road used for administrative vehicle access to USGS river gauge and also by horses as a portion of Bear Creek Loop and Cotton Patch Loop trails. Route also used by boaters, on foot, to access the river.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Redesignate as horse trail; administrative access would continue, including concessionaire use potential

- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-2

### **Bear Creek Horse Camp Connector (Map 3, Trail 4)**

*Description:* Designated gravel horse trail connecting to other trails. Also used occasionally by bikes.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated uses
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-2

### **Bear Creek Loop (Map 3, Trail 5)**

*Description:* Designated gravel horse trail, also used occasionally by bikes, for recreational riding and connecting with other horse trails. Some grades are quite steep.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated; study/correct steep portions; bike use to be studied for one-way, clockwise use only due to speeds on steep grades and potential presence of horses
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-2

### **Bear Creek Overlook Trail (Map 3, Trail 6)**

*Description:* Designated gravel foot trail to developed overlook.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Raise standard sufficiently to provide for mobility impaired
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* ADA

### **Bear Creek Road (Map 3, Roads 8, 9)**

*Description:* Designated gravel road suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles and used to access Bear Creek Horse Camp/Day Use Area and other points of interest. Road width is insufficient for passing horse trailers and is steep in one section, i.e., from the boundary to the intersection with Lee Hollow Road leading to the horse camp (Segment A). Lower section intrudes on sensitive species habitat and resources of cultural interest (Segment B).

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Study and widen Segment A to standard; site review and designate Segment B as a one-way route to eliminate need for two-way road width and investigate realignment around sensitive resources.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* Segment A: 1B; Segment B: 3B

### **Big Island Ford (Map 3, Trail 10)**

*Description:* Designated river crossing for horses used as a connector to other trails. Crossing area is mussel habitat.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue use as currently guided by interim flagging; conduct study on appropriate crossing method in coordination with Fish and Wildlife Service
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* To be determined

### **Big Island Loop (Map 3, Trail 11)**

*Description:* Designated mostly graveled horse trail used primarily by horses as well as hikers and bikes as a day loop route and as a connector to other trails. Portion near Station Camp uses Station Camp Road, having safety and visitor experience issues.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use; relocate section that uses Station Camp Road by tying into Old Station Camp Road
- A: Continue use in current location
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-3

### **Big Island Road (aka No Business Road) (Map 3, Road 12)**

*Description:* Designated gravel road branching off Station Camp Road. Used by 2WD and 4WD vehicles for hunting, oil and gas well access, and administration.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue use as designated.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* 2C

### **Big Island Spur (Map 3, Trail 13)**

*Description:* Designated hiking trail between the JMT and Big Island often used by horses to avoid poor conditions on River Trail West.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site review; combine hikers and horses on suitable trail where needed; bring to standard.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* F-4/H-5

**Big Island to Williams Creek Trail  
(Map 3, Trail 14)**

*Description:* Undesignated, unmaintained old road paralleling river used by horses for hunting and fishing access and as part of a loop ride. Route has drainage problems but they do not affect the river. Route also enters the mouth of Williams Creek.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Designate for horse use; relocate at Williams Creek; bring to standard
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-5

**Cat Ridge Road and Trail (Map 3, Road 15, Trails 16, 17, 28)**

*Description:* Designated old road used by 4 wheel drives and ATVs to access the backcountry for hunting, cemetery access, and administration. The middle section is used by horses as part of the Long Trail North and by hikers as part of the Kentucky Trail.

(Segment A: Road 15; Segment B: Trails 16, 28; Segment C: Trail 17.)

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue road designation to Bradley Kidd homesite (Segment A); designate horse use beyond homesite to road closure (Segments B and C); continue hiking use on Kentucky Trail portion of Segment B; designate Segment B for horse use as portion of relocated Long Trail North; include Cat Ridge Road and Trail as portion of bicycle loop
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* Segment A: 4; Segment B: H-6; Segment C: 4

**Cotton Patch Loop (Map 3, Trails 2, 18, 48)**

*Description:* Designated gravel horse trail providing loop ride and connection with other trails. Steep portions warrant attention and possible realignment; major erosion problems near Bear Creek.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated (horse/foot trail – no bicycle use); correct steep sections and erosion problems; re-route trail if necessary; closure of trail as warranted to protect resources
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-2

### **Duncan Cemetery Access Trail (aka Paul T. West Spur) (Map 3, Trail 19)**

*Description:* Designated primitive road used by 4 wheel drives to access cemetery and for backcountry driving.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Designate as multiple-use trail
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* 4

### **Hurricane Ridge East Trail (aka Rob Watson Road) (Map 3, Trail 22)**

*Description:* Designated graveled old road used by horses, 4 wheel drives, and ATVs to access trails, cemeteries, and backcountry. Also used to access oil/gas sites.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Designate as a multiple use trail to gorge closure
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* MU

### **Hurricane Ridge East Spur (Map 3, Trails 23, 24, 61)**

*Description:* Designated graveled old road on plateau (Segment A) used by horses for trail access and by 4 wheel drives and ATVs for backcountry, cemetery, and oil/gas site access. Beyond gorge closure, route is dirt horse trail steeply descending to Williams Creek area (Segment B). Erosion and sedimentation occurs due to steep alignment.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Designate as a multiple use trail to gorge closure (Segment A); remove trail beyond closure (Segment B) and relocate horse use to proposed new connector trail (Trail 61)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Segment A: Same as Preferred; Segment B: Continue horse use; realign trail to standard

*Standard:* Segment A: MU; Segment B/Alternative B: H-5; New connector: H-5

### **Kentucky Trail (Map 3, Trails 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 37, 39, 71)**

*Description:* Designated long-distance hiking trail. Besides built trail sections, the trail route lies on old coal tramways, and old and existing roads.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue hiking designation on trails 25, 29, and 31; redesignate as horse use on trails 27, 28, 37, and 39; redesignate as multiple use on trails 26 and 30; redesignate as bicycle use on trail 71; reconstruct/reroute trails 27, 39, and 71 where necessary to allow bike use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard: F-4* (where another use would not determine a different standard)

### **Laurel Hill Multiple Use Trail (Map 3, Trails 30, 32)**

*Description:* Designated, graveled old road used by horses, wagons, 4 wheel drives, ATVs, bikes, and hikers (Kentucky Trail portion). Route provides access to points of interest, cemeteries, and to other trails as well as hunting access and recreational riding.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Designate as multiple-use trail
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard: 2C*

### **Lee Hollow Loop (Map 3, Trail 34)**

*Description:* Designated gravel horse trail providing recreational loop ride and connection to other trails. Also used some by bikes.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated horse trail due to heavy horse use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard: H-4*

### **Lee Hollow Road (Map 3, Road 35)**

*Description:* Designated gravel road suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles providing access to horse camp and day use area.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated road
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard: 1B*

### **Little Bill Slaven Road (Map 3, Road 36)**

*Description:* Designated graveled road suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles, providing access to cemeteries, trailhead, hunting, and backcountry driving.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue use as designated; vehicle traffic only as far as trailhead
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred



### **Long Trail North (Map 3, Trails 16, 26, 27, 28, 37, 39, 41, and 44)**

*Description:* Designated horse trail connecting Blue Heron with Peter's Mountain Trailhead and points beyond, including trails on Daniel Boone National Forest. The majority of the current route uses two well-traveled roads, including Laurel Ridge Road, which has safety and visitor experience issues.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated; site plan; relocate this trail except for the portion between Blue Heron and Dick Gap Road; rename trail at some future point as a segment of the Sheltowee Trace. Trail would be mostly relocated onto old roads and existing trails within the National Area. There would be one section between Cat Ridge Road and Peter's Mountain that would involve some new routing.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-5, H-6

#### Miller Branch Trail (Map 3, Trail 42)

*Description:* Designated graveled old road used as a horse trail link and for administrative uses.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated horse trail
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-3

#### No Business Trail (Map 3, Trail 43)

*Description:* Designated horse and foot trail through No Business valley, which was once a subsistence community. Trail uses old road in part. Portion used by the John Muir Trail. Used as a horse trail link, for cemetery and cultural site access, and for administrative uses.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated uses; adjust as needed based on future cultural landscape planning.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-6

#### Oil Well Branch Trail (Map 3, Trail 44)

*Description:* Designated dirt road to gorge closure used by 4 wheel drives for hunting and fishing access. Route beyond the closure is used on foot and by occasional administrative-only vehicles. Road exhibits erosion beyond closure. Well is site of first commercial oil well, originally drilled for salt brine, and has interpretive potential.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Designate as horse trail; address erosion and bring to standard
- A: Same as Preferred

- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-5

### **Paul T. West Trail (Map 3, Trails 46, 47, 63)**

*Description:* Designated graveled old road used by 4 wheel drives and ATVs for hunting, backcountry, and cemetery access.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Designate as multiple-use trail (would be part of proposed new connector trail)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* MU

### **Peter Tapley Trail (aka Peter Tapley Road) (Map 3, Trail 48)**

*Description:* Short portion of designated horse trail (Cotton Patch Loop) on old road. Also used by 4 wheel drives and ATVs for hunting.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designation as horse trail; install gate and remove all motorized vehicular use. Interpret old fields as part of interpretation of Newtie King homesite.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-6

### **Pilot-Wines Loop (Map 3, Trail 49)**

*Description:* Designated gravel horse trail also used by 4 wheel drives and ATVs on plateau portions. Some steeper sections are substandard, requiring vigilant maintenance, but are in locations where new alignments would be equally or more problematic.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated (horse/foot trail – no bicycle use)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-2

### **River Trail West (Map 3, Trail 50)**

*Description:* Designated horse trail between Station Camp and Big Island used to access points of interest and as one leg of a longer ride. Trail gets flooded frequently and is often muddy. Users often move to the parallel John Muir Trail.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site review; investigate combining trail uses on suitable single alignment as appropriate.
- A: Same as Preferred

- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-3/F-4

### **Shot Off Cliff Trail (Map 3, Trail 52)**

*Description:* Designated primitive dirt road used by horses to access other trails. Also used to access oil/gas wells.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Redesignate as horse trail and for administrative (oil/gas) use; bring to standard
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* MU

### **Shot Off Cliff Horse Trail and Overlook Spur (Map 3, Trails 53, 54, 55, 56)**

*Description:* Designated trail on old road used by horses to access trail system. Portion located in Williams Creek. Also used for hunting access and occasionally to access oil/gas sites.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue for horse use and administrative use; site review; relocate out of Williams Creek onto route of proposed connector trail; bring to standard
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-5

### **Split Bow Arch Overlook Trail (Map 3, Trail 57)**

*Description:* Designated, short foot trail providing view of arch. Overlook does not provide good view of arch. Trail invites unauthorized use on arch.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site review; investigate better viewing location; realign trail and provide for mobility impaired; include as part of Bear Creek Road rehabilitation
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* ADA

### **Split Bow Arch Trail (Map 3, Trail 58)**

*Description:* Designated foot trail with stairs providing arch viewing and a short loop hike.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated; portions brought to standard
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-4

**Station Camp to Bear Creek Connector (aka Cub Branch Trail) (Map 3, Trails 23, 55, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64)**

*Description:* Proposed new horse trail completing the connection between Station Camp Horse Camp and Bear Creek Horse Camp. Route would actually connect Pilot-Wines Loop with Cotton Patch Loop. Portions would be on existing routes but would also involve new trail.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site plan; designate route; bring to standard; relocate Shot Off Cliff Trail near Williams Creek onto this trail route
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Trails 55, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64: H-5; Trails 23, 63: MU

Waters Cemetery Road (Map 3, Road 65)

*Description:* Designated gravel road suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles and used for cemetery access, hunting and trail access. A portion is designated as horse trail.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue use for vehicles; relocate horse use off of road to proposed Long Trail North
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2C

**Watson Branch Trail (Map 3, Trails 66, 67)**

*Description:* Designated dirt road almost entirely in gorge used by 4 wheel drive vehicles and ATVs for hunting and river access, cemetery access, and administrative use. Beyond gorge closure, route is used on foot by public

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Redesignate as multiple-use trail to gorge closure (Trail 67); redesignate as hiking trail beyond gorge closure (Trail 66)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: MU to gorge closure; F-3 in gorge